

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A wound ~~Wound~~ care product, comprising a substance which inhibits the growth of bacteria in wounds, a layer which directly contacts a wound during use and which is permeable to a wound liquid, and a gel into which the substance has been introduced, characterized in that the substance is xylitol.
2. (Withdrawn) Wound care product according to Claim 1, characterized in that the said wound care product comprises an ointment which contains xylitol.
3. (Withdrawn) Wound care product according to Claim 1, characterized in that the wound care product comprises a powder which contains xylitol.
4. (Canceled)
5. (Currently amended) The wound ~~Wound~~ care product according to Claim [[4]] 1, characterized in that the [[said]] gel is a silicone gel.
6. (Withdrawn) Wound care product according to claim 3, characterized in that xylitol in crystalline form has been introduced into the gel.
7. (Withdrawn) Wound care product according to Claim 1, characterized in that the said wound care product contains a polymer foam into which xylitol in aqueous solution has been introduced in conjunction with the polymer foam being formed.
8. (Withdrawn) Wound care product according to Claim 1, characterized in that the said wound care product contains a polymer foam into which xylitol in crystalline form has been introduced in conjunction with the polymer foam being formed.

9. (Withdrawn) Wound care product according to Claim 7, characterized in that the said polymer foam contains a water-soluble polymer.
10. (Currently amended) ~~The wound~~ Wound care product according to Claim 1, characterized in that ~~the wound care product consists of or comprises a layer which directly contacts the wound during use and which is permeable to wound liquid, in that~~ the layer comprises a gel and a lattice-like reinforcement in the form of a lattice, in that the gel has been applied so that it encloses ~~[[all]] the reinforcement lattice parts~~ but leaves through-holes in the layer formed by the gel and the reinforcement, and in that xylitol has been introduced into the gel.
11. (Currently amended) ~~The wound~~ Wound care product according to Claim 10, characterized in that the said ~~lattice-like~~ reinforcement is elastic and in that the gel is soft and elastic.
12. (Currently amended) ~~The wound~~ Wound care product according to Claim ~~[[10]]~~ 1, characterized in that the said layer is hydrophobic and does not adhere to discharging wounds.
13. (Currently amended) ~~The wound~~ Wound care product according to Claim 10, characterized in that the said gel is a silicone gel.
14. (Withdrawn) Wound care product according to claim 10, characterized in that the reinforcement comprises a soft, flexible and elastically stretchable network of textile material.
15. (Currently amended) ~~The wound~~ Wound care product according to Claim 1, characterized in that the wound care product comprises a dressing and in that xylitol has been applied to a support which is included in this dressing.

16. (Withdrawn) Wound care product according to Claim 15, characterized in that the support is gauze.
17. (Withdrawn) Wound care product according to Claim 15, characterized in that the support is a nonwoven fabric.
18. (Currently amended) The wound ~~Wound~~ care product according to Claim 15, characterized in that the support is a polymer foam possessing open pores.
19. (Currently amended) The wound ~~Wound~~ care product according to Claim 15, characterized in that the support is a water-soluble polymer foam.
20. (Currently amended) The wound ~~Wound~~ care product according to claim 15 and in the form of a dressing, characterized in that the said dressing contains an absorbent layer for taking up secreted wound liquid.
21. (Currently amended) The wound ~~Wound~~ care product according to claim 15, characterized in that the wound care product is sterile as a whole and is packaged in a sterile manner.
22. (Withdrawn) Method for manufacturing a wound care product according to claim 15, characterized in that xylitol is applied to the support in the form of a solution.
23. (Withdrawn) Method according to Claim 22, characterized in that the support is then dried.
24. (Withdrawn) Method according to Claim 22, characterized in that the wound care product and an appurtenant packaging are sterilized.
- 25-31. (Canceled)

- 32. (Withdrawn) Wound dressing in the form of a plaster containing a substance for inhibiting the growth of bacteria in wounds, characterized in that the said substance is xylitol.
- 33. (Withdrawn) Wound dressing according to Claim 32, characterized in that the wound dressing is sterile in its entirety and is packaged in a sterile manner.
- 34-38. (Canceled)
- 39. (New) The wound care product of claim 1, characterized in that the gel is hydrophobic and soft.
- 40. (New) The wound care product of claim 1, characterized in that the gel is a polyurethane gel.